



# MYNA NEWSLETTER NO 2

## CLARENCE VALLEY CONSERVATION IN ACTION



### CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE – WE HAVE PASSED 1000 MYNAS

Many of our trappers do not have access to the internet and the [CVCIA](#) Landcare website and therefore can't see the overall picture. Hopefully this will help keep you up to date with our progress and what is happening.

#### SPRING IS HERE

We will probably be seeing more Indian mynas around as they are now splitting away from their large winter flocks, finding partners and preparing to nest. We will soon be in need of traps for new volunteers.

Did you know that the CVCIA loans traps to the public at no cost. In other areas trappers have to buy their own trap for \$250-\$300, or pay a \$100+ deposit. When the Mynas start their springtime activity we will have many more traps being requested than we have available. If you are not actively trapping it would be greatly appreciated if you could contact either your local trap coordinator or Laura on 6649 4712. This trap can then be used where the Mynas are active and in large numbers. If you would like to start trapping again at a later date, a trap will be made available to you.

#### MARKETS

To publicise our project CVCIA has booked stalls at the:

- Woolli Goanna Festival on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October
- Yamba River Market on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- Grafton DSC market on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November

If you are in the area come along and say "Hi"

#### DISPLAYS

We are hoping to have two taxidermied Indian mynas, which will be used for educational purposes and displays at events such as local markets.



#### NEW TRAP CONSTRUCTION

Trap building at Acmena Juvenile Justice Centre is progressing slowly.

EnviTE plans to use trap building as an alternative for their team when the weather is too wet to work in the field so it has yet to get started.

A big thank you to Clarence Valley Council for supplying wire mesh for all our trap building.

We have a new trap builder, Nathan. He produced 2 traps in his first week with guidance from Keane. Welcome and thank you!

Mick continues to build quality traps and Laura & Kevin repair and rejuvenate the old or damaged ones. Anyone interested in trap building would be welcome; only basic tools are needed and we provide wire and instruction.



Kevin working on a trap with boys at Acmena

### MYNAS TRAPPED JANUARY to JULY 2011

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**Thank you for participating and getting involved in local trapping. Trapping isn't the only way people can help.**

**There are many ways, here are a few:**

- **spread the word and make your friends, neighbours and relatives aware of the invasion of Indian Mynas (pass on the newsletter or put it up in your local store)**
- **Become an Area Co-ordinator in your area (contact Laura 6649 4712 for details)**
- **Join the CVCIA Landcare group. Annual membership is \$5.00. See over for a membership form.**



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### LONG DISTANCE NETWORKING

We recently received a \$50 donation from a couple in the Port Stephens region. Kevin made them a trap and we met them in Raymond Terrace. They were so happy to receive it and eager to use it on the mynas that are growing in number in their area. In the first couple of weeks they caught over 30.

### END OF MONTH TALLIES

At the end of each month it will be greatly appreciate if could please contact, by phone or email, your area co-ordinator with your tallies.

### MAPPING UPDATE

As well as mapping our sightings we have added a map showing the [locations of our traps](#) and numbers trapped to the website. The little pins are colour coded to show higher catching trap. Locations are not exact as we are only using street names and no numbers for privacy.

### SIGHTINGS

We value any sightings as a way of increasing our knowledge of the spread of these pests so please keep sending details.

### FUNDING

We are very grateful to the Clarence Valley Council for their continued much needed funding assistance. Thanks also to NSW National Parks & Wildlife Services for their donation.

CVCIA membership fees are our only other funding so we would like to encourage interested trappers or others to join up, a membership form is included and it only costs \$5 per year.

### TRAPS

Over the last few years the Clarence Valley Council has issued Indian Myna traps to the public on request.

However many of the traps have become 'lost' from the system. The Clarence Valley CIA (Conservation in Action) Landcare Group has this year taken over the coordination and operation of the trapping program. If you own your trap and would like to join our network or have an ex Council trap which is not in our system, in any state of repair or disrepair, whether you are still actively trapping or not, could you please contact Laura on 66494712 or email [mynas@cvcia.org.au](mailto:mynas@cvcia.org.au).

### CLARENCE VALLEY URBAN & ENVIRONMENTAL PESTS WORKING GROUP MEETING

Sharon, Laura and Kevin attended a meeting in Grafton this week to discuss environmental pests and what was being done about them in the Clarence Valley. Whilst NPWS are still active in their parks most other areas remain under resourced as funds dry up. Even Sharon's beloved cane toad program seems likely to falter for lack of money. The CVCIA's results, run by volunteers on a shoe string budget, seemed to be the only encouraging area. Both the Council and NPWS encouraged us to keep up the good work.

**Do you have email access? If so we would prefer to send this newsletter electronically**

**Email:** [mynas@cvcia.org.au](mailto:mynas@cvcia.org.au) , [laura@cvcia.org.au](mailto:laura@cvcia.org.au)  
or your area co-ordinator

**Phone:** Laura on 6649 4712 or your area co-ordinator

**Website:** [www.cvcia.org.au](http://www.cvcia.org.au)

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### Clarence Valley Conservation in Action – Membership form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Please tick if \$5 membership is enclosed

Email: \_\_\_\_\_